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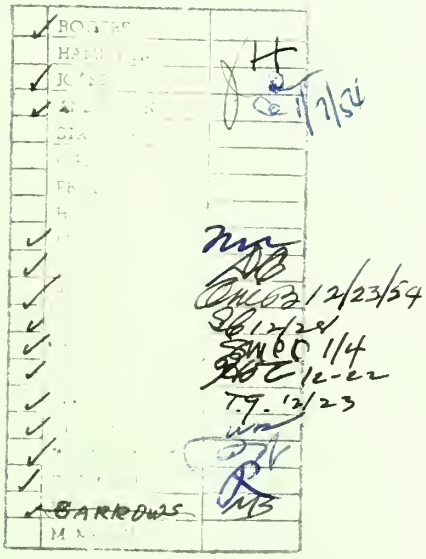

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Summary of the November 1954 Monthly Narrative Report
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WEATHER:	Warm and dry.	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Group to Livingston Rotary, gave program; Rogers & Hamilton on to Bozeman. Rogers & Joffe to Dude Ranchers Conv.; Rogers on to Denver assignment. Hamilton Act. Supt. Grimm back from G CNM assignment Act. Supt. Barrows to Missoula & Glacier. Schmid to Custer on survey. Stanton to Denver for surplus & confer GSA. Instructions discontinue Architect, Engineer, Naturalist & Biologist Monthly Reports. Park largely closed.	1-2
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RANGER SERVICE:	Boundary patrols, buffalo reduction, etc.	5
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ELK:	Slight downward movement to winter ranges. Classification by Kittams shows smaller calf crop.	6
SWAN:	Lone trumpeter swan cygnet observed Madison River.	6
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RANCH AND CORRAL:	All but 2 horses at Lamar. Veterinarian called due horses losing hair. No plowing due freezing before tractor available. Hay purchases. Packer Hoppe to be at Lamar, will assist repair saddles, etc.	7
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BLISTER RUST:	Meeting at Missoula; Barrows attended.	[illegible]
HAZARDOUS TREES:	2,760 trees recommended for removal.	7
ACCIDENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY:	9 car accidents. Safety requirements on boats submitted.	[illegible]
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DEATHS:	Royal Grover, Operator (Gen.), furloughed, died of heart attack. Vernon Goodwin, former Vice-Pres., Y. P. Co., died.	8
MARRIAGES:	James Hepburn & Carol Berens married. Marie Yakel & Julian Knutsen married.	8
PERSONNEL:	Carroll Bond appointed Storekeeper (Gen.). Gabbert, Fiscal Accounting Asst., & Proper, Personnel Asst. (Employment Officer), promoted to GS-9. Francis Elmore, Naturalist, to Natchez Trace. Murphy to Supervisory Park Ranger. Mrs. Hallin, Clerk-Steno., resigned and Mrs. Moore appointed. Mrs. Quist Stat. Clerk, WAE. Advice Watson, Naturalist, to go Cape Hatteras. Beal selected Naturalist. Terminations seasonals. Barrows assumed supervision blister rust, etc., and Edwards Wildlife & Fish. Duties Forester & Asst. Chief Rangers.	9-10
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December 8, 1954

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for November 1954

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of November 1954:

Weather Conditions. The weather at Mammoth headquarters remained generally fair with above normal temperatures except for the last few days of the month. Snow fell on only five occasions. The maximum temperature was 59° on the 10th and the minimum was -8$\frac{1}{2}$° on the 30th. The total precipitation for the month was only .55 inch and the total for the last three months was only 1.57 inches.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers, Assistant Superintendent Hamilton, Administrative Assistant Joffe, Park Naturalist Condon and Chief Ranger Brown attended the Rotary meeting at Livingston and presented the program on November 8. Mr. Joffe served as Chairman of the Program Committee and Mr. Condon showed slides and gave a talk on the park. Following the meeting Messrs. Rogers and Hamilton proceeded to Bozeman to confer on the Gallatin road transfer to the State of Montana and reconstruction and on Eugene Schilling's report on power proposals.

On the 17th Messrs. Rogers and Joffe left via East Gate for Cody, Wyoming, to attend the Dude Ranchers Association Convention November 18-20. The meeting was also attended by Assistant Regional Director McLaughlin and Assistant Superintendent Miller from Glacier. Mr. Joffe returned the 21st and Mr. Rogers departed that day from Cody for Denver on assignment in connection with his study on legislative history of the areas administered by the National Park Service, expecting to be away from the park until March.

Mr. Hamilton is designated Acting Superintendent during the absence of Mr. Rogers.

District Ranger Grimm returned November 16 from his month's assignment as Acting Superintendent of George Washington Carver National Monument in Missouri.

Forester Barrows departed November 28 for Missoula, Montana, to confer with Forest Service officials on blister rust and fire control and then to Glacier to assist with forestry matters. He expects to return December 6.

Park Engineer Schmid left for Custer Battlefield National Monument November 15 on survey work with Regional Engineer Robertson on plans for the water system for that area. He returned the 17th.

Supervising Purchasing Agent Stanton left November 15 for Denver to obtain surplus and other material and confer with General Services Administration officials, returning the 20th.

Instructions were received November 23 to discontinue the submission of monthly reports by the Resident Landscape Architect, Park Engineer, Park Naturalist and Park Biologist. Certain information covering each division will continue to be included in the Superintendent's Monthly Report.

The park was largely closed to travel by the 15th of the month, the roads from Mammoth to Old Faithful and West Yellowstone and to the Northeast Entrance and Cooke remaining open at the end of November.

Inspections. W. Leon Evans, Assistant Superintendent, Big Bend National Park, and Mrs. Evans in November 3 on leave; out 6th. George W. Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Glacier National Park, in November 14 with Mrs. Miller en route to Cody, Wyoming, to attend the Dude Ranchers Convention November 18-20, leaving the 17th for Cody. H. E. Dalton, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Cheyenne, in November 8-9 and conferred on Peter Kiewit Sons' debris-burning operations at Canyon. N. F. Rutheford, Bureau of Public Roads Engineer, Denver, in November 21 to supervise debris-burning operations at Peter Kiewit Sons' construction at Canyon; left 26th.

Publicity. A total of 69,000 Yellowstone broadsides remained on hand at the close of November.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. The Montana Highway Department is running a new road location on the Gallatin Section in connection with their taking over of that portion in the park. Messrs. Rogers, Joffe, Wohlbrandt and Mattson made a trip to that area November 2 and Messrs. Hamilton, Mattson and Wohlbrandt on the 23rd to review this survey work.

Engineers Schmid and Ketcham are working on plans for the Lake Lodge cabin area and Canyon main sewer system. Mr. Schmid spent several days at Custer Battlefield National Monument helping in survey work. Park Engineer Wohlbrandt is working on annual road estimates.

A plans-in-hand survey report on Arnica Creek to Bridge Bay road was submitted November 15 by Park Landscape Architect Mattson.

Maintenance. Maintenance work was curtailed during the month due to shortage of funds and was handled by the regular crews. Very little snowplowing was required because of the light snow conditions. Most of the roads were closed to the public on the 15th, the roads on the west side of the park and that from Mammoth to the Northeast Entrance remaining open at the end of the month.

Construction. Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Sheridan, Wyoming, contractor on east end of Norris-Canyon road, burned the remaining fire-killed trees and other slash November 21-27. Their regular construction work was closed down for the winter in late October with the project about 85% complete.

Cop Construction Company of Billings, Montana, was notified by this office November 12 of the acceptance by the Washington Office of their bid for the construction of nine comfort stations and one pump house in the Canyon area.

All construction work was closed down in the Lake area on November 5. Work closed down on the West Entrance checking station and information building November 26 and about three weeks will be required to complete the project.

Complaints. Five letters of complaint were handled during the month, as follows: (1) high rates for accommodations in proportion to quality, (2) lack of facilities available in September and fact that regular entrance fees were charged, (3) condition and uncleanliness of cabins, (4) cabin rates, uncleanliness and grouping of cabins reserved for group, and limits of fish, and (5) fraudulent action and charge by employee for minor repair at West Thumb service station.

Concessioners. Huntley Child, Jr., Vice President of the Yellowstone Park Company, and Mrs. Child, returned November 23 from a month's trip to Minneapolis, Washington, D. C. and New York City, having attended the American Hotel Association Convention November 3-6 at the latter city as President of the Montana Hotel Association.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services were held in the Yellowstone Park Chapel each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. with an average attendance approaching 70 persons.

Mr. William Henning, resident student minister, has conducted a service in the Yellowstone Park Chapel each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The service has been well attended with some 35 to 40 persons being at Church each Sunday.

A partition was installed in the Chapel basement so a portion of the basement could be used for Sunday School classes.

Interpretive Services. Park Naturalist Condon presented a program on Yellowstone Park to the Livingston Rotary Club on November 8. There were about 40 persons in attendance. On November 30 he presented a similar program to the Lutheran Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church in Livingston. There were about 99 people in attendance at this program. There were in the audience people from Bozeman, Wilsall, Big Timber, and Billings, in addition to the regular members of the Livingston group.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The exhibit plans for all of the panels to be used in the West Yellowstone information station were finished and reviewed by the Superintendent's staff. At the month's close these exhibit plans are being typed in final form for submission to the Director of the Museum Branch for review. In addition to completion of these exhibit plans the balance of the exhibit panels at Old Faithful were planned out and they, too, are in the process of being typed for submission to the Museum Branch in Washington.

Research and Observation. The manuscript on Norris Geyser Basin, prepared by Park Naturalist Watson, was reviewed during the month of November and resubmitted to him for action on suggested changes and revisions.

On November 3 a trip was made by Park Naturalists Condon and Watson to the Grand Canyon area and around the entire loop for the purpose of taking some photographs of features and making natural history observations. Temperatures were taken of the superheated steam vent at Steamboat Point and it was found to be 220°F.

Frederick Turner's manuscript on Reptiles and Amphibians was submitted by him in mid-November and is ready for submission to a publisher for estimates on the cost of publication sometime in December.

Giantess Geyser, which has not played since September 7, 1953, and then was presumed to have been soaped, erupted November 29 and was witnessed by Rangers Ela and Freeman and the Yellowstone Park Company winterkeepers at Old Faithful. The eruption lasted for about 24 hours. Giantess is one of the most tremendous of all geysers and erupts from 150 to 200 feet high in a series of upheavals lasting from 12 to 36 hours accompanied by subterranean cannonading which shakes the ground for hundreds of feet around the crater.

Natural History Association. Mrs. Alice Quist worked a total of 22 hours during the month as clerk. By special action of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Anna M. Biastoch was elected Treasurer of the Association, and also member of the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Francis Elmore when he left for Tupelo. Mrs. Biastoch succeeds Mrs. Alice Quist as Treasurer of the Association.

On November 15 the Association mailed out the September-October and the November-December issues of Yellowstone Park Nature Notes.

In-Service Training. A staff meeting of division heads and other park officials was held in the conference room November 16. Assistant Superintendent Miller of Glacier was present as a guest.

Yellowstone's Weekly News was issued each Thursday to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of park happenings.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 2,145 vehicles carrying 7,118 people entered the park during the month as compared with 909 vehicles and 3,213 persons during November 1953, or an increase of 121%. This large increase was probably due to the fair weather which prevailed throughout most of the month. By the end of November 1,327,929 visitors had been recorded for the year as compared to 1,326,858 for the total travel in 1953 through December and the record travel of 1,330,327 in 1952.

The East Entrance reopened to travel November 5 due to continued warm weather, having been closed since October 24. On the 15th all roads were closed to public travel except the roads on the west side of the park from Mammoth to West Entrance and to Old Faithful and the road from Mammoth to the Northeast Entrance and Cooke which remained open throughout the month. The Northeast Entrance has been closed since October 11 and the Dunraven Pass road from Canyon to Tower Fall since October 24.

Ranger Service. Ranger activities included patrols along the boundaries, buffalo reduction, equipping outlying stations for winter, and assistance to visitors on the roads.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BUFFALO REDUCTION. By the end of the month 15 buffalo had been taken from the Old Faithful area and 103 from the Hayden Valley herd and reduction is expected to continue the week of December 6 with a crew working in each area. It is expected that a total of 285 will be taken from the park herds this winter. Butchering of the buffalo is handled by National Park Service and Indian Agency personnel. Allotments were made as follows: Flathead Indian Agency, St. Ignatius, Montana, 4; Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota, 12; Fort Berthold Indian Agency, New Town, North Dakota, 11; Blackfeet Agency, Browning, Montana, 26; Northern Cheyenne Indian Agency, Lame Deer, Montana, 60; totaling 113. Four buffalo were killed by park personnel November 1 for use in the Government mess halls and one animal was killed but was unfit for food, making a total reduction of 118 during September, October and November.

ELK REDUCTION. Hunting conditions in Park County, Montana, have been very unfavorable with no movement of elk out of the park and

virtually none taken by hunters. In the Gallatin area 72 have been checked at the Squaw Creek checking station, most of which were taken prior to November and only one during the past 2½ weeks. The season in that area will continue until 500 have been taken. The season in Wyoming in the vicinity of East Gate has been extended to December 7 and that adjacent to South Gate until December 5 and hunting has been very poor in both areas. Requests and deposits have been received for 132 live elk but trapping operations in the park have not been successful as yet because of light snow conditions.

ELK. Slight downward movement of elk on the Yellowstone winter range occurred during November.

Classification of 670 elk by Biologist Kittams this fall indicates the calf crop is appreciably less than in previous years. This suggests that some of the difficulty in locating calves for tagging last spring may have been due to a short calf crop.

TRUMPETER SWAN. A lone cygnet, presumably of this species, has been frequenting the Madison River near seven-mile bridge. Ordinarily adults remain with cygnets during the winter period.

Range. Biologist Kittams reported relatively warm temperatures and below-normal precipitation, .55 inch compared to a normal of 1.26 inches at Mammoth, resulted in little increase in snow depths on the winter ranges this month. Color photographs were made of a few sites on the Firehole winter range. Minor repairs were made to fences around the aspen plot by Yancey's and the willow plot on the Gallatin range. A number of willow branches in the Gallatin plot have died apparently due to disease or insect attack as have willow branches in the plot near Tower Ranger Station. Since a statistical clerk has become available for part-time work, considerable compiling and summarizing of data for the aspen survival study has been accomplished.

Forest Fire Protection. A great deal of maintenance work was done in the Mammoth fire cache. The seven fire trucks were placed in storage after removing hose, accessories, batteries and checking all pumps and lines for water. A large number of hand tools were rehandled, sharpened and put into first-class condition. Fire packs were disassembled and the rations and other perishable supplies were placed in the basement of the storehouse to prevent freezing.

In the Dispatcher's Office, the false-smoke map was corrected, using data furnished by the lookout observers during the past season. A summary of the 1954 fire season was compiled, mimeographed and sent to various key personnel for general information. Forms 120-RI, Fire Danger Daily Record, which were furnished by Fire Research at Missoula at the beginning of the 1954 fire season, were collected and sent to Missoula. The data contained therein is furnished by the National Park Service as a cooperative service to the Fire Research Laboratory to aid them in future revisions of the fire danger meters and fire weather measuring techniques.

Trails. Work on the manufacture of trail markers was continued but all other trail activities were static.

Wood Utilization. The Park Service wood crew, reduced to two men, worked through November 5. They cut and delivered wood as follows: Mammoth Storehouse, 10 cords; Mammoth Incinerator, 3 cords; and West Thumb Employees Area, 5 cords. Rangers at West Yellowstone cut seven cords of dry wood to supplement the 20 cords of green wood cut by the smokejumper crew earlier in the fall.

Ranch and Corral Operations. All horses except two at the North Entrance are now at the Lamar Unit. David Colmey, DVM, was called to the Lamar Unit on November 26 because two horses were losing the hair from their heads, necks and fore legs. Dr. Colmey took shin scrapings for laboratory study and left medicine for the ranch personnel to apply to the affected parts. No plowing was done at Lamar Unit as the meadow had frozen before a tractor was available for the job.

Three tons of horse hay were purchased at Kelly, Wyoming, and hauled to Snake River Ranger Station by a Park Service truck. The hay cost only $25 per ton. The low purchase price and short haul afforded a substantial saving for next summer's hay at this station. D. E. Barnes of Belgrade, Montana, delivered 54 tons of hay to the Mammoth barn. The contract price was $34.25 per ton delivered.

Packer Jack Hoppe will be stationed at Lamar Unit for the winter. The repair of saddles, bridles, halters, etc., will be done at Lamar Unit by the three men stationed there. This work was formerly done at the Mammoth barn by the packer when he was quartered at Mammoth.

Forest Insects. After receiving the report on spruce budworm control from Forest Service Entomologist Johnson, a request for $22,500 was submitted for control of the infestation between Tower Fall and Crivice Creek, along roads and in the Mammoth area. Our alternate plan of annual maintenance along roads and in scenic areas was also presented in event funds are not available to attempt control. Estimated cost of maintenance operations was $6,724 per year.

Blister Rust Control. A meeting was held at Missoula, Montana, on November 29 to discuss proposed blister rust unit extensions and new control areas with the Forest Service and make plans for necessary surveys at Rocky Mountain, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Representatives from Glacier and Grand Teton attended the meeting with Forester Barrows from this area.

Hazardous Trees. The study of hazardous trees along roads and in campgrounds was completed and a report submitted recommending that some 2,760 trees be removed.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of nine traffic accidents were reported through this office during the month of which seven were Class A, one Class B, and one involved a Government vehicle. No serious injuries resulted from the accidents. Cause was attributed to icy snow-packed roads and excessive speed.

New safety requirements for concessioner operated boats were drawn up, after discussion with representatives of the Yellowstone Park Company, and submitted to the Director for consideration.

Law Enforcement. Two court cases were taken before the U. S. Commissioner. One man was fined $20 for failure to report an accident and speeding. Another was found not guilty of speeding on connection with a wreck south of the North Entrance.

Evidence of two more elk poached, this time near "Little America" in the Tower Fall area, was found on the morning of the 7th. Night patrols were begun and are being continued as time and personnel permit.

U. S. Commissioner Brown was away from the area from November 20 to December 1 on annual leave at Denver, Colorado.

Births. A son, Walter Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Hoppe at the Park Hospital in Livingston November 26. Mr. Hoppe is employed here by the National Park Service as Packer.

Deaths. Royal E. Grover, 41, Operator, General (Mobile Power Equipment), died of a heart attack at Parker, Idaho, November 20. He was employed seasonally as a truck driver and equipment operator with the National Park Service here since 1939 and was furloughed for the season on October 27.

Vernon Goodwin, 83, who was President of the Yellowstone Park Lodge and Camps Company from 1924 to 1936, when it was combined with the Yellowstone Park Company, and was Vice-President of the latter company for a number of years, being here until 1945, passed away at Pebble Beach, California, November 27.

Marriages. James R. Hepburn of Gardiner, Montana, seasonal truck driver with the National Park Service here, and Carol Berens, also of Gardiner, daughter of National Park Service truck driver John Berens, were married in Bozeman on November 6.

Marie Yakel and Julian A. Knutsen were married November 14 in the English Lutheran Church in Livingston with Rev. Forrest Clark performing the ceremonies. Miss Yakel has been a member of the Rogers household in Mammoth since 1941 and Mr. Knutsen has been employed by the National Park Service here for several seasons, serving at present as Timber Framer. A large number of park residents attended the wedding.

Personnel. Carroll T. Bond entered on duty November 15 by indefinite appointment as Storekeeper (General), GS-3. His seasonal appointment as Storekeeper (General), GS-3 was terminated at the close of November 12.

On November 15 the Director approved the establishment of Fiscal Accounting Assistant, GS-9 in lieu of Fiscal Accounting Assistant, GS-8, and of Personnel Assistant (Employment Officer), GS-9 in lieu of Personnel Assistant, GS-8. The present incumbents of the positions, Ellis E. Gabbert and William G. Proper, respectively, received promotions to the newly allocated positions November 21 and 29, respectively.

Francis H. Elmore, Park Naturalist, GS-7, departed November 20 for Tupelo, Mississippi, on promotion and change of headquarters to the position of Park Naturalist, GS-9, Natchez Trace Parkway, effective 8:00 a.m. November 21.

Robert J. Murphy received an indefinite promotion from Park Ranger, GS-5, to Supervisory Park Ranger, GS-6, effective November 21.

Mrs. Betty Lee Hallin terminated November 22 from temporary appointment in the position of Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4 in the naturalist division.

Mrs. Winona H. Moore was appointed (indefinite) to the position of Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4 in the naturalist division vice Mrs. Hallin effective November 23.

Mrs. Alice H. Quist entered on duty November 23 by excepted appointment as Statistical Clerk, GS-4, WAE, limited to $1,020 per annum, in the office of the Park Biologist.

Edmund B. Rogers, Superintendent, was promoted November 29 from Grade GS-14 to GS-15 due to reallocation of the position.

Advice was received of the selection of W. Verde Watson, Park Naturalist, GS-9, for the position of Park Naturalist, GS-11, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. The transfer will take place about the end of December.

Merrill D. Beal, Park Ranger, GS-5, has been selected to fill the position of Park Naturalist, GS-7, vice Francis H. Elmore. This promotion will be effective December 5.

Terminations of seasonal personnel during the month included those of Marjorie C. Proper, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, November 9; Marjorie A. Somerville, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, November 10; Marie A. Pierson, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3, November 30; George J. Tracy, Fire Control Aid (General), GS-5, November 1; and the furloughs of the two remaining Park Rangers (General), GS-4.

Effective November 23, Forester Barrows took over the supervision of the blister rust operations, and, in addition to his various forestry problems requiring research, will also supervise spruce budworm control operations and other insect infestations, and woodcutting operations involving the salvage of logs on road contracts and similar construction activities, handled previously by the Protection Division under the supervision of Assistant Chief Ranger Edwards. Mr. Edwards now assumes the supervision of wildlife and fish cultural management operations and activities formerly under the direction of Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman and will continue to have supervision of Lamar, Tower Fall and West Yellowstone District, corral operations, Lamar Unit, and woodcutting for Government fuel wood, and will relieve the Forester in his absence as assigned. Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman continues as Chief of Forest and Building Fire Control and Training, handling fire dispatching with assistance on project fires, recording and correlation of fire weather, and water and snow observations. No changes resulted in the assignments of the other Assistant Chief Rangers, Mr. McComas serving as Executive Assistant and in charge of trail maintenance and signs, public safety, Big Hole Battlefield National Monument, and Canyon, Lake, Old Faithful and Snake River Districts; and Mr. Garry as Administrative Assistant in charge of the Chief Ranger's Office, coordinator for emergencies other than fire, in charge of law enforcement, coordinator of highway patrol, communications, information and statistical operations and supervisor of Mammoth District and Mammoth grounds.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of Federal Employees Union Local 465 was held in the Canteen November 1.

The American Federation of Government Employees held its regular monthly meeting in the Canteen November 8.

The Mammoth Library Board elected the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Harold Edwards, Chairman; Mrs. John Schmid, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Charles Moore, Second Vice-Chairman; Mrs. James Brown, Book Chairman; Mrs. Dan Nelson, Finance Chairman; and Mrs. Margaret R. Acree, Secretary-Treasurer. Members Schmid, Moore and Acree were elected to the Board at the annual meeting October 19 for a two-year term. Members Edwards and Brown were holdovers from last year's election and Mrs. Nelson was later selected to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Francis Elmore who resigned due to their transfer to Natchez Trace.

Warren F. Hamilton
Acting Superintendent

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